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INCOMPARABLE

SIR,—I don't go in for writing long letters, but a word of appreciation is due even from me. The August number of the REVIEW, just received by me, is incomparable for its excellence, and your article, "America First," is very timely, and gives one a clear insight into the situation. We have come to the parting of the ways. Talk is idle. We must act, and show Germany that America is not to be trifled with. The other articles in the August number are grand, notably John Burroughs' "Life and Chance." Take it all in all, the number is—as I have said—incomparable, and deserves to hold a place in literature.

A. H.

CASENOVIA, MINN.

THE FIRST VOLUNTEER

SIR,—I have read your "America First," and have offered the Government my services for military purposes in case it comes to war. It seems to me *that* action best suits your words. If one hundred per cent of the readers of your article take the same step as I, you will perforce be promoted from Colonel to Major General. All of which is "respectfully submitted."

S. H. C.

BAR HARBOR, ME.

"DAMNABLE PREMEDITATED MURDER"

SIR,—In your leader, "America First," "Suit the Action," &c., you "STRUCK it"—nearly, but not quite. You should have said somewhere: "Damnable Premeditated Murder," in describing Germany's conduct.

HENRY T. MEIGS.

ROMNEY, IND.

EXPERT TESTIMONY?

SIR,—After carefully reading your article, "America First," in the August number, I come to the conclusion that you must be suffering from a severe brain-storm.

J. J. KENNELLY.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

MORE GUERDONS FOR MR. CHAMBERLAIN

SIR,—I have always regarded THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW as embodying all that is best in periodical literature on this side of the Atlantic. The REVIEW has, as a rule, if not always, been characterized by broad-mindedness, scholarship and sobriety; hence my severe disappointment on reading the article on England, published in the July issue, by Houston Stewart Chamberlain. I could not understand how such trashy, venomous, unscholarly stuff should appear in the pages of THE NORTH AMERICAN RE-